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SUBJECT: UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE: SECRETARIAT SUPPORT
SERVICES

REF: USUN 474

1. SUMMARY: TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 22, MEETING OF UN
RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE'S INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP OPENED
CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEM AREA VIII ON SECRETARIAT SUPPORT
SERVICES. FOLLOWING SUGGESTION OF CHAIRMAN DADZIE, DISCUSSION
BEGAN WITH SERIOUS AND USEFUL OVERVIEW OF PROBLEMS CONCERNING
THE SECRETARIAT RATHER THAN CONCENTRATION ON THIS SECTION OF
CONSOLIDATED TEXT. APPARENT AGREEMENT EMERGED TO TREAT
SEPARATELY THE MORE CONTENTIOUS PERIPHERAL ITEMS INCLUDED
IN CONSOLIDATED TEXT. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED "FOLLOW-UP"
MACHINERY (SUBPARA C) INDICATED NO CAUSE FOR US DEL TO
CONTINUE TO OPPOSE. END SUMMARY.

2. ALTHOUGH DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT, CONTACT
GROUP APPEARED TO AGREE ON BASICALLY THREE AREAS OF
SECRETARIAT ACTIVITY: RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYSIS
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(POSSIBLY INCLUDING PROGRAMMING); ONLY RESIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR GREATLY REDUCED OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES; AND
TECHNICAL SERVICING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES. WITH EXPLICIT
G-77 SUPPORT, CONTACT GROUP AGREED TO LEAVE TO THE SYG THE
DETAILS OF ORGANIZING THE SECRETARIAT TO SERVE THESE FUNCTIONS.

3. CONTACT GROUP ALSO APPEARED TO ACCEPT SUGGESTIONS BY

US DEL (KITCHEN) TO (1) DELAY CONSIDERATION OF SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SUBPARA B) UNTIL SECTION V ON OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IS DISCUSSED AND (2) POSTPONE FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION THOSE ELEMENTS IN SECTION VIII OF CONSOLIDATED TEXT NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO CENTRAL PURPOSES OF SECRETARIAT, I.E., ELEMENTS CONCERNING PERSONNEL (SUBPARA E) AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES (SUBPARA F). DELEGATES FROM JAPAN, UK (SPEAKING FOR EC-9) AND USSR ALL EXPLICITLY AGREED THAT ISSUES OF PERSONNEL AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES REACH BEYOND THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH IS LIMITED TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN. G-77 SPOKESMAN (PAKISTAN) AGREED AT LEAST TO CONSIDER THESE ISSUES SEPARATELY.

4. US DEL ALSO SUGGESTED THAT GREATLY REDUCING ESA OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES WOULD ALLOW IT TO RETURN TO ITS "QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE" IN PREPARING REPORTS AND IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS AS WHEN IT INITIATED ITEMS SUCH AS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, UNRWA, AND EPTA. THE G-77 SPOKESMAN STRESSED THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE "PRODUCT" RECEIVED FROM THE SECRETARIAT AND WAS ATTRACTED TO THE US IDEA OF RENEWING ESA'S "QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE," ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THERE MAY BE DIFFERENT PERCEPTIONS OF "EXCELLENCE."

5. OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST RAISED BY DELEGATIONS INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING. THE JAPANESE DEL, IN APPARENT REFERENCE TO EXPERTS' PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTOR GENERAL, CAUTIONED AGAINST DILUTING THE AUTHORITY OF THE SYG OVER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SECRETARIAT BY FRAGMENTING IT TOO GREATLY. THE POLISH DEL STRESSED THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SECRETARIAT IS TO RESPOND TO DIRECTIVES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES, IT ALREADY EXERCISES TOO MUCH OF ITS OWN INITIATIVE. THE USSR STRESSED THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXISTING SECRETARIAT RATHER THAN CREATE ADDITIONAL UNITS.

6. THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE (CORDOVEZ) GAVE A USEFUL EXPLANATION OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN PROVIDING FOR THE TECHNICAL SERVICING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES. HE STRESSED THE LACK OF CENTRAL AUTHORITY IN THE SECRETARIAT OVERALL FOR PERFORMING THIS FUNCTION ADEQUATELY. HIS DESCRIPTION OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE FOLLOW-UP MACHINERY PROPOSED IN SUBPARA C INDICATED IT WOULD BE NON-SUBSTANTIVE AND WHOLLY DISTINCT FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY UNIT PROPOSED IN SUBPARA A. WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, US DEL WILL NO LONGER SEEK DELETION OF PROPOSAL IN SUBPARA C FOR FOLLOW-UP MACHINERY.

7. NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY MORNING (FEBRUARY 23), WILL
CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF SECTION VIII ON SECRETARIAT
SUPPORT SERVICES.
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